



Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28, 2020, 10am

Present | Bill Siedhoff, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Karl Wilson, Cynthia Crim, Ann Bannes

Other Attendees | Jamie Opsal, Stephanie Herbers, Bill Kuehling, Susan Kabat, Reese Moore

Welcome and Review of Minutes (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Officer Nominations & Re-Appointments (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Theresa Mayberry has decided not to continue her term on the Board. Would like to publicly recognize her service in the near future. Other officers have volunteered to continue in their positions. Queried other board members about filling the Treasurer position. Karl Wilson has volunteered to serve as Treasurer for FY2021. FY2021 officers are as follows:

Board Chair – Bill Siedhoff
Vice-Chair – Cynthia Crim
Treasurer – Karl Wilson
Secretary – Sr. Mary Ann Nestel

Cynthia Crim mad a motion to accept the officers as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

There is one board position to fill. Bill Siedhoff is working on recommendations to present to the Mayor for approval. Sr. Mary Ann Nestel and Skip Batchelor's appointments to the Board are up for renewal; they have both committed to renewing their terms. Swearing in will happen in June for their reappointments. It has been delayed due to Covid-19.

3rd Quarter Financial Report (*Susan Kabat*)

Reviewed statement of net position and breakdown of revenue over expenses. The Senior Fund has received 13% more in revenue than budgeted. Most expense categories are at or below budget for the 3rd quarter; program investments will increase due to distribution of first checks for FY20 Applicant Defined grants. Going into the 4th quarter spending will continue as planned.

Karl Wilson made a motion to accept the report and file it for audit, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved for acceptance.

Notetaker: Stephanie Herbers

Program and Grants Committee (Karl Wilson)

New Fund Defined Grant Awards | Karl presented a list of new awards recommended for the Senior Fund's FY2021 Fund Defined grants. New awards for three focus areas were proposed: Economic Security, Homemaker Chore: Exterior Home Maintenance, and Oral Health. Applicants could request up to three years of support. The Board budgeted and approved up to \$300,000 per year for Oral Health services and up to \$300,000 per year for the other two areas as a group. Proposals from seven organizations were presented as a resolution for approval to begin July 1, 2020.

Resolution was to appropriate up to \$556,672 for grants in FY2021 to the agencies as presented up to the amounts designated for each proposal; appropriate up to \$573,243 for FY2022 and \$608,156 for FY2023 for years 2 and 3 of these proposals, conditioned upon acceptable program and fiscal performance; Authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to enter into contracts with the awarded organizations up to the amounts specified to carry out their proposals.

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to approve the resolution as presented, Ann Bannes seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Fund Defined Grant Renewals | Twenty-seven grants are up for renewal. Renewals would be for Fall Prevention and Economic Security grants going into their 3rd and final year and Social Isolation and Homemaker Chore grants going into their 2nd year. Karl presented a list showing the organizations up for renewal, what they were awarded in FY20, and recommendations for FY21. Staff recommendations were based on interim reports, site visits, grant spending to date, and adjustment to services based on Covid-19 related changes. Earlier in the month the Program and Grants Committee approved staff sending invitations to grantees requesting proposals up to the amount recommended. Proposals are due June 5 and final recommendations will be presented to the Board for approval at the June meeting.

Legal Counsel Update (Bill Kuehling)

Senior Fund Investment Policy | Pointed Board to state Treasurer's office which has a template policy. Board members discussed whether the Senior Fund needed a policy. Overall long-term goal of Board is spending down revenue to avoid building up large amounts of money and putting as much back into the community into direct services and other resources for older City residents. Board determined it was best to have a policy in place, specifically one that emphasized shorter term approaches, leaving revenue easily accessible as needed. The objective of the Fund's approach to investing/managing revenue would be to spend money down for the good of the community (i.e., City residents 60 years and older) in a clear and sustainable way.

Next Steps > Will work on investment policy for Board to review.

Budget Approval | Lewis Reed's office is finding a co-sponsor for the resolution to approve the Senior Fund's FY2021 budget; resolution will likely be sent to the Health and Human Services committee first.

Executive Director's Report (Jaime Opsal)

Missouri Senior Levy Association | Jamie has been meeting with directors of Clay and Platte County to work through the development of an association for senior levy fund boards in the state. Have completed articles of incorporation, bylaws and applied for 501c(6). They are currently seeking \$100/year for each member. Jamie presented the goals of the association.

Karl Wilson made a motion to authorize Jamie to continue working on establishing the structure — Jamie will return to the board for final approval of joining as a member once the association is established — and authorized Jamie, as the executive director, could expend an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to pursue this endeavor, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Update on Covid-19 Efforts | Updates on how staff have been involved in Covid-19 related efforts were presented in the executive director's report. Specifically, Jamie has been involved in a working group focused on allocating funding and facilitating coordination focused on serving older adults and adults with disabilities who are homebound. Cluster has supported phone banking to reach out to adults 50 years and older in a four-county area to check in on if they have any needs that are not being addressed. Organizations receiving support from the St. Louis Community Foundation's Covid-19 fund are helping with access to food, personal care items, rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, and mental health support. Organizations supported by the Senior Fund have also been shifting some of their grant funds to supporting their clients directly.

Briefly discussed how the Senior Fund might support organizations that are not being supported by the Community Fund, including current organizations that receive grants from the Senior Fund. Some common needs include cleaning supplies, personal care items, access to fresh fruit and vegetables, and managing anxiety and depression related to isolation. Will revisit with the Board in June.

Medicaid Expansion | A petition to expand Missouri's Medicaid will be presented to voters for approval on August 4th. The Senior Fund supports Medicaid expansion, as discussed in the February meeting.

Having no other items for discussion, meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Next Meeting June 25, 2020.